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RED-ROSE DAY FOR STONES

Folkestone Rugby Club players were given a unique opportunity to train alongside their England heroes last week, before the national team's victorious 34-10 triumph over France in the Six Nations on Sunday.

Ollie Brooks, Ben Brooks and coach Lee Jeffery (pictured) were among a squad of 20 lucky enough to join Martin Johnson's stars at the squad's training camp in Surrey after winning a prize draw on a rugby website.

Folkestone, who are more used to playing in London 4 South East seven divisions below the top flight, spent 90 minutes training alongside the likes of Phil Vickery and Andrew Sheridan last Wednesday.

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BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

LYDD airport bosses have called on Shepway council to make a final decision on its proposed expansion.

Managing director Cliff Spink says the airport "can't afford to wait any longer" after handing in the last of a number of submissions for its two applications, stretching back to December 2006.

However, protestors say the airport's claim that more than 300 jobs could be generated by the development is overridden by the potentially greater human and environmental cost.

Mr Spink warned that the council had to act quickly to approve the new terminal building and runway extension.

He said: "In the current climate, companies need to react swiftly to business opportunities in order to survive. Unemployment in Shepway has risen by almost 50 per cent in the past 12 months and things are likely to get worse before they get better."

About the potential impact on the protected habitats that surround the airport, Mr Spink said: "We fully understand the impacts of expanding the airport's capacity and we have set out how we can manage those impacts satisfactorily, while also improving prosperity and well-being for the human inhabitants of Dungeness."

However, Louise Barton of anti-expansion group LAAG said the development could jeopardise employment prospects in the area.

Nearby Dungeness power station already opposes the plans on safety grounds and Ms Barton said 500 "top-quality" jobs, together

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WAIT FOR IT: A Government response to the High Court's ruling on Gurkha rights is overdue

Injunction lodged in lengthy battle for Gurkha rights

GURKHA campaigners were at the High Court yesterday (Tuesday) to force the Government to introduce new laws on veterans' rights to settle in the UK.

No progress has been made since the landmark ruling on September 30 last year when a judge ruled the current policy of excluding those soldiers who retired before July 1997 permission to stay was unlawful.

The Government was given three months to come up with new rules, but so far nothing has emerged.

Papers calling for an injunction to force the issue have been lodged with the court and a date set for Wednesday next week, when a decision will be made.

Joanna Lumley, whose father fought alongside the Nepalese soldiers during the Second World War, said: "The ruling on September 30 last year was clear.

"The way that successive governments have treated Gurkhas who retired before 1997 is truly offensive and a stain on our national character.

"These are men who have served in the British Army, sometimes for 20 years and more.

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

"Many have seen active service and some have won our country's highest honours for valour and service, yet the Government claims they 'do not have a strong enough link to the UK' to have the right to live here with us in the land they have defended with such loyalty.

"The almost spiritual reaction to our campaign shows beyond doubt that the Gurkhas are loved and will be welcomed by the people of Britain."

Shepway councillor and Gurkha Justice campaigner Peter Carroll said after the papers were handed in: "It's another step in a very long road.

"It's like football, you can get some very unpredictable results, but we're hoping the pressure will be enough to get the Government to announce its new policy before Wednesday.

"Joanna has been scathing in her criticism of the MoD.

"Last year, more than 250,000 people signed our petition within six weeks calling on the Government to allow all British Army-retired Gurkhas to have the right to live in Britain.

"It is shameful that the Government is yet again delaying and playing for time."

Airport's demand for final verdict

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with the 2,000 needed to construct the reactor, would potentially be under threat.

She said: "It might produce 300 jobs in net terms, but there would be a loss of employment on the Marsh during the summer due to lost tourism. Dymchurch would be directly under the flightpath of Boeing 737 jets, only 800ft above the ground."

She referred to the recent attempt by Thanet's Manston airport to become a transport hub and said: "It's ludicrous to have competing airports less than 50 miles from each other, in a fragile economy, while wrecking the environment in the process."

A Shepway spokesman said it was too early to set a date for the final meeting, but it could be early in the summer.

The council's planning manager Chris Lewis said: "We take seriously the points raised about the potential economic benefits of the airport proposals, but this is only one aspect that has to be considered.

"There are other important issues, like those relating to aircraft noise and the potential impact on ecological sites of national and international importance."

Man charged with growing cannabis

ABOUT 1,400 cannabis plants and cultivation equipment have allegedly been seized from a house in Hythe.

Police raided the property in Bartholomew Street on Friday, March 13, after obtaining a search warrant and arrested 33-year-old Steven Granger.

He was charged with cultivating cannabis and abstracting electricity. Granger, of Mayles Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire, appeared before Folkestone magistrates on Monday and was released on conditional bail until May 11.

Two men aged 42 and 44 were also arrested and released on bail until Monday, May 11, while officers make further enquiries.

A 50-year-old Folkestone man, believed to be the owner of the house, was arrested and released on bail until Thursday, June 11.

Anyone with information or concerns about drugs in their area should contact their neighbourhood policing officer. You can find out who they are by entering your postcode on the Kent Police website at www.kent.police.uk.

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Prayers answered by geothermal system

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A CHURCH congregation forced to endure freezing services hopes to receive a blessing in the form of a pioneering new heating system.

St Stephen's Church in Lympe, which dates from Norman times, has to rely on electric heaters mounted high up on the walls which frequently break down.

But now fund-raising has begun in earnest to help pay for a £100,000 geothermal system which will heat the ancient building naturally without any running costs, making it the first church in Kent to introduce the system.

Kevin Brown, the church member who is overseeing the work, described the process as being "like a refrigerator in reverse" and says he expects it to have a big impact on attendances.

He said: "It's been cold throughout the winter and sometimes it's hard to persuade older members of the congregation to turn up.

"The heaters only seem to be effective when you're sitting directly below them and they're not very good. But this new system puts the heat where the people are, rising from the floor upwards, and not wasting it.

"If it's a nice, warm environment, more people are going to be inclined to come. We have a congregation of about 40 each week and reach our capacity of more than 100 for weddings and Christenings. The enthusiasm's already there from newly-married couples who come back on a regular basis, so we are bucking the trend."

The innovative scheme involves drilling four



WARM WORDS: The congregation at St Stephen's in Lympe is looking forward to the installation of geothermal heating

112-metre-deep boreholes in the churchyard. These are connected to a heat-pump in the old underground boiler-house and the extracted heat is then circulated through a new stone floor via coiled pipes at about 45°C.

The new flooring slabs and the structure of the building act as a big storage-heater, with the heating always on.

Mr Brown says he expects the system to last 80 years, with the heat-pump the only part which would need servicing.

The heating is part of a wider refurbishment of the church which includes new electrics,

improved lighting, an audio system, remodelled kitchen and toilets. The total cost is expected to be in the region of £270,000.

The church has already received one grant of £32,442 and is waiting on the outcome of two other applications totalling £60,000, but work cannot start until approval is given.

As part of the fund-raising efforts a barn dance is being held at Lympe village hall on Saturday, March 28.

For more information, visit the website www.lympne-st-stephens.org.uk, or email info@lympne-st-stephens.org.uk.

Drop-in centres' caring support

SUPPORT for people who look after dependents is available at drop-in centres throughout the district.

Groups can meet to stay in touch with each other and offer emotional support, help and advice about looking after the needs of a partner, child, parent or sibling. Carers in Hythe meet at the drop-in centre at the Salvation Army hall, in Portland Road, on the fourth Friday of every month, from 10am to noon, with the next date on March 27.

A Marsh group meets on the third Friday of each month at the Old School, Church Lane, New Romney, from 1pm-2.30pm, while an Alzheimer's group for younger carers meets from 2.30pm-4pm at the same venue. Dates and times have yet to be confirmed for the Folkestone drop-in, which is hosted at the internet café at Broadmeadow, Park Farm Road.

To find out more, phone Carers' Support on 01233 664393.

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Sacked after sex messages to girl pupil

A SCHOOL has sacked an employee who was exchanging "inappropriate" messages with a pupil.

Student manager Graham Barlow, 56, was dismissed by Pent Valley Technology College in Folkestone after being forced to hand over his mobile phone which contained incriminating evidence.

A national newspaper reported last week he had sent 100 text messages of an "inappropriate and sexual nature" and that he had formed a close relationship with the girl.

Head-teacher Mario Citro said, contrary to The Sun's report, it was the school that noticed something was not right with the girl and concerns were raised by staff.

Barlow was interviewed and told to hand over his phone, while police and social services were contacted.

Mr Citro told Yourshepway the school had acted swiftly.

He said: "The police praised us because without the phone the investigation would not have been a success.

"There was enough information for me to terminate his contract."

Mr Citro said Barlow was at Pent Valley prior to his appointment as head in 2006 and had been vetted by police at the time.

Troops get on with the job but miss home and family

THE Folkestone-based Gurkhas fighting in Afghanistan are never very far from the front line, **writes reporter Nick Ames.**

Patrols leave the remote Patrol Base Minden, in Helmand Province, knowing they have a good chance of encountering the Taliban enemy, whose forward area of operations is just 100 metres away.

The troops travel on foot and in armoured Jackal vehicles, which provide some protection against improvised explosive devices (IED) – roadside bombs.

But they are not invulnerable, as Corporal Sajan Limbu found in November.

"An IED went off underneath my vehicle and blew it into the air," he said. "We were out on patrol and the blast just hit us.

"As soon as it happened I was on the ground and I rolled away. Then I checked my body to find out if it was still all there.

"I thought I may have lost some-

thing – but I was OK." His comrade, Cpl Arjan Limbu, was in a Jackal following behind.

"There was so much smoke and dust, it was difficult to see what actually happened," he said.

"At first we thought it was an attacker – then we realised it was an IED. For about three seconds everything seemed to stop, but then we all rushed over to help."

Cpl Arjan Limbu had a father who was a Gurkha soldier and his brother also served.

"It's a family tradition I am proud to continue," he said. "It's OK out here, we are getting the job done. But what I miss about my home in Folkestone is my wife and children.

"I have two daughters – one is two years old and the other is one. They are called Abismre and Garema and I miss them terribly.

"But I have a job to do and that's to go on recce [reconnaissance]. We are the people who look the enemy right in the face."



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Discover more about town's rich heritage

FOLKESTONE People's History Centre will be holding its AGM tomorrow (Thursday) to give an update on archaeological discoveries in the town.

The centre was established in 2005 to champion local heritage and history and has developed a community-based project with Canterbury Christ Church University and Canterbury Archaeological Trust.

The Roman villa site on the East Cliff and other areas of historical interest are to be explored, with the centre's board reporting on this and other projects covering the year's work and events.

Centre director Dr Lesley Hardy said: "Folkestone is rich with historical heritage that goes back to the earliest times. We aim to bring that heritage to life and need the support of the community to achieve this."

• For further details, call 01303 850614 or email lesley.hardy@canterbury.ac.uk.

Society gathering to discuss life with MS

THE MS Society is hosting a meeting on Friday in New Romney as one of a series of monthly events.

The friendly, informal gatherings are open to all people affected by the condition and are funded by the Rotary Club of Romney Marsh, with the first having taken place in August last year.

All are welcome and there is the opportunity to meet others, have a cup of tea or coffee and find out the latest information on living with MS.

The meeting is being held at The Old School House, New Romney, on Friday, March 20, from 10.30am-12.30pm.

• For more information, phone Janet White on 0208 438 0864.

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SCOUTS PARTY ON CENTENARY

The oldest Scout group in Kent celebrated its centenary on Sunday with a day-long event at Lympne Castle.

Past Scouts and leaders came together alongside present members of the 1st Hythe Scout Group for a service at St Stephen's Church, where the vicar, a former Queen's Scout, allowed the sections to renew their promises.

The Mayor of Hythe was a guest and given the honour of cutting a birthday cake after the service.

Hythe Scout Group invested its first member, Cecil Capon, a few days after Lord Baden-Powell had visited in 1909.

Earlier this month a framed photograph of Cecil was presented to the group and it was among the memorabilia on display at the castle.

Hythe Scouts comprise four sections, including a Beaver colony, two Cub packs and a Scout troop.

Although activities have adapted over the years to include trips out, computer work and music, Scouts still enjoy traditional crafts like camping under canvas and fire-lighting.

Excavation to uncover what life was like in the trenches

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE sights and smells of the First World War are to be recreated with the excavation of the trenches at Shorncliffe later this month.

Military experts are coming to the historic site in Sandgate, where both Montgomery and Sir John Moore devised tactics still in use by the Army today, to oversee the survey.

Archaeologist David Kenyon and historian Andrew Robertshaw, who has appeared on Channel Four show Time Team, will be there to see what can be unearthed from the dig.

Chris Shaw, of the Shorncliffe Redoubt Preservation Society, said the aim was to "measure, map and survey" the trenches as well as educate the younger generation about their wartime ancestors.

He said: "This project is one of a number

across Europe in the run-up to the big centenary in 2014 and we want to explore the beauty and genius of the trenches, to have them fully restored and working.

"We estimate there are about 600 schools or 18,000 pupils within our catchment area which would come down to see them.

"I was speaking to someone at the Carrière Wellington army museum in Arras and he told me that while they were at the 'end' of the story, we in Folkestone are at the beginning.

"These are the only trenches this side of the Channel and it would give youngsters a first-hand experience of what it must have been like during the war, saving them having to go across to the Continent."

The society is to eventually take possession of the Redoubt and heritage park from the Ministry of Defence. It hopes to host re-enactments and 'living history' events at the site.

The barracks at Shorncliffe, renamed after Sir John Moore, are still in use by the Gurkhas today, but the Redoubt was left in disrepair



ON THE MARCH: Undated photograph of troops marching down Sandy Lane to the training trenches at Shorncliffe

until the society, formed in 2005, began work on its restoration.

• The survey starts at 10am on Sunday, March 29, at Shorncliffe cemetery, Hospital Hill, Sandgate. Volunteers need to sign up with the society to take part. To do so, phone Chris Shaw on 07958 611956, or email chris.shaw@shornclifferedoubt.com.

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Town hall plans to cancel lift lease 'a slap in face' for refit fund-raisers

PLANS for the restoration of the Leas Cliff carriage have been thrown into doubt after a Shepway council cabinet agenda revealed plans to terminate its lease.

The last item listed for today's meeting (Wednesday) has been classified as exempt from the public, with the heading 'Leas Lift Termination - Non Key Decision'.

Paper copies are not even widely available to all councillors, who have to view an online version instead, while the cited background report to the lease is also not available.

Now campaigners fear that, having almost reached the £25,000 needed to restore the carriage to its former glory, plans for it to play a central part in Folkestone's seafront restoration could be scuppered.

Lynne Beaumont, leader of the Liberal Democrat group on Shepway council, said:

"Local people have raised thousands towards the restoration of the Leas lift, which is a well-known and popular landmark.

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

"To terminate the lease now would be a huge slap in the face for the fund-raisers who have worked so hard and all those who have donated.

"To bury this item on an agenda which is not even routinely circulated to all councillors and to hear the discussion in secret without consultation or information in advance is a disgrace.

"Only ten members of the cabinet have been given the relevant reports. All other councillors have to apply for copies online.

"Shepway council should be honest about the position of the lease and work to retain it on the best possible terms for the preservation of the lift and the benefit of the town."

A council spokeswoman said the appeal was only for the restoration of the old lift carriage, rather than of the Leas lift service, and no decision had been made about where the carriage would go.

She said: "The report going to cabinet looks at the council's future lease arrangements for the Leas lift.

"Although the report contains information that is financially and commercially sensitive, we can confirm that Cabinet will be considering terminating its lease with the owners of the lift, the Radnor Estate.

"This does not mean that Folkestone will lose its water-balance lift, it simply means that the council, which every year faces huge annual costs to keep the lift running, might not be the body responsible for its future operation and maintenance."

Jack Gill, of the 1890 Leas Lift Step Carriage Restoration Appeal, said it was a "unique" part of Folkestone's heritage and did not rule out negotiating with the Radnor Estate to continue the project should the lease be given up.

The carriage has been waiting in storage at Ash for the past two and a half years until the appeal team receives assurances over what position the carriage will occupy on the seafront.

Howard on board at third company

SHEPWAY MP Michael Howard has joined the board of Helphire, a personal injury and car accident claims group. It brings his board portfolio to three.

The appointment comes as Mr Howard prepares to step down as the district's Parliamentary representative at the next general election.

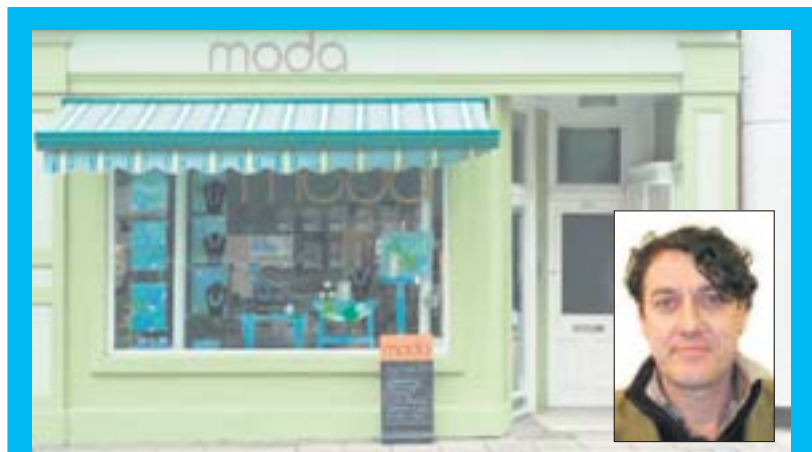
As a former barrister, he brings his own experience in injury claims to the group.

Mr Howard is also a director at security group Amteus and Northern Racing, according to the Financial Times.

The news comes amid rumours about whether he could be made a peer and called up to serve in a possible future Cabinet under David Cameron.

The Folkestone and Hythe MP employed the current Tory leader as his political adviser when he was Home Secretary and speculation is rife in party circles that he could be making a comeback.

A source told London's Evening Standard: "Michael looks like a man who is back in the game. If Ken Clarke can come back, why not Michael Howard?"



ALL PRESENT FOR AWARDS BASH

A gift shop in Folkestone's Creative Quarter has been shortlisted in two categories at a prestigious industry awards ceremony.

Moda in Tontine Street, which sells specialist designer jewellery and selective fashionable brands, was set up by John Parry (inset) two years ago. He first came across the town when he stayed on the train from London after hearing about Ashford's development plans.

Now his business has been nominated both for best independent shop in London, South and South East and best British retail display at the Progressive Gifts And Home magazine awards.

He said: "I always wanted to own my own shop and there was a need for something in Folkestone on the gift front.

"We offer something a bit different you can't get anywhere else, at not-too-expensive prices, such as the Orla Kiely handbags. There's always a place for good, independent shops and we change stock regularly to offer a more personalised service."

Mr Parry and partner Ella Riley will be at the black-tie affair at London's Royal Lancaster Hotel on Thursday, May 21, to hear the winners.

Ex-detective jailed over child porn

A FORMER policeman has been sentenced to 12 months in prison after almost 50 images of child abuse were found on his mobile phone.

Thomas Peter Simmons, 61, of Kingsnorth Gardens, Folkestone, admitted making indecent images of children.

The former detective sergeant was charged in August last year with six offences of making indecent images of children, three offences of distributing indecent images of children and one offence of sending obscene communications over a telecommunications network.

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Fotheringham, from Kent Police's Public Protection Crime Unit, said: "Downloading images of

children being subjected to real-time abuse is as severe an offence as the real-time abuse those children are suffering.

"These type of offences will be not tolerated and Kent Police will continue to bring offenders before the courts irrespective of their background or standing within the community."

Officers found mobile phones which were used to access the images online at Simmons's address. Overall, he was found to have 49 indecent images of children.

The images ranged from levels 1 to 4, with 5 being the most serious, depicting sadism or bestiality with children.

He was found with 21 images at level 1, two images at level 2, 11 at level 3 and 15 at level 4.

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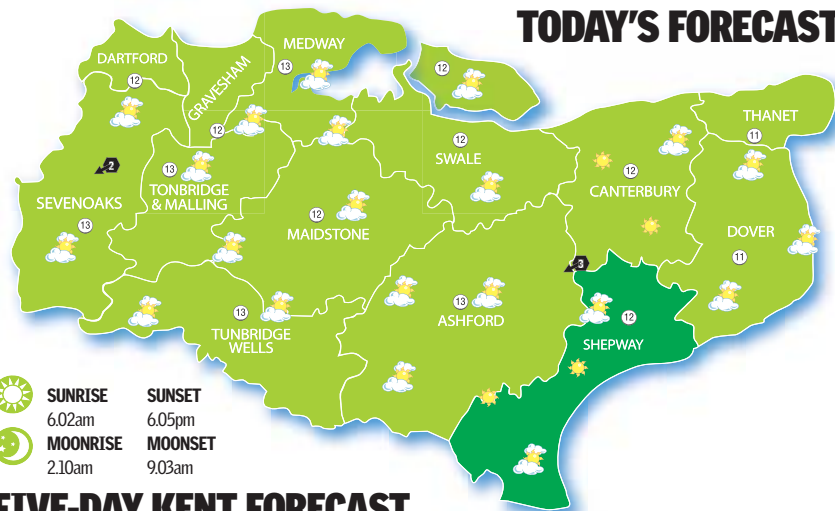
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Canterbury	10°C	11°C	10°C	7°C	7°C	Maidstone	12°C	14°C	13°C	9°C	8°C
Chatham	10°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	7°C	Ramsgate	10°C	11°C	10°C	7°C	7°C
Dartford	13°C	13°C	13°C	9°C	8°C	Rochester	10°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	7°C
Dover	10°C	10°C	9°C	8°C	7°C	Sevenoaks	11°C	12°C	11°C	7°C	7°C
Faversham	10°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	7°C	Sittingbourne	10°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	7°C
Folkestone	10°C	10°C	9°C	8°C	7°C	Tonbridge	13°C	13°C	12°C	8°C	8°C
Gillingham	10°C	11°C	9°C	7°C	7°C	Tun Wells	13°C	13°C	12°C	8°C	8°C

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Ramsgate	Saturday	7:54am	3.7m
	Sunday	9:00am	3.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	8:21am	4.3m
	Sunday	9:44am	4.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	8:17am	4.2m
	Sunday	9:50am	4.4m

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Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	17°C

Council looks for service to help those paying in cash

A NEW way to help people who choose to pay their bills with cash is being explored by Shepway council.

At a Cabinet meeting last month it was resolved that a third-party contractor be found to operate in post offices, shops and other businesses to help those who use hard currency, as an alternative to the cashiers currently found in council offices.

These would handle a variety of payments including council tax and housing rent, as well as one-off services such as bulky waste collection and buying garden sacks.

This comes despite an increase in the number of the district's residents who choose to pay by direct debit, telephone or online via the council's website.

Machines

A report prepared in advance of the Cabinet's meeting said: "Improving service to customers is one of the council's strategic objectives and our vision is for easy access to high-quality, cost-efficient services."

"Over the last few years, we have seen an increase in the number of customers paying council bills via the internet, over the telephone and by direct debit."

"However, there are still a considerable number of people who want, or need, to pay their bills in cash and therefore pay in person."

Other options available to the council included continuing with the in-house cashing service or replacing them with payment machines.

But it was agreed a third-party service would help meet the council's objectives of providing greater access and convenience to customers, would aid local post offices and other small businesses and represent good value for money.

A contractor will be chosen in June and it is hoped the new, improved service can be introduced by December 2009 at the latest.

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VITO LOGRASSO



Q Tell us a little about yourself

A For 19 years, I have been a professional wrestler. I am one of the lucky ones to have wrestled for all the major federations, including ECW, WCW, WWE and TNA, and part of a very select group. Working for each of these was a learning process which has helped me to become the professional that I am today.

Q How did you first become involved in wrestling?

A I was watching television one day and said "I can do better than these guys" and chose to go to the Johnny Rodz wrestling school in Brooklyn, New York. I worked with Johnny directly a lot and went five days a week to train.

Q How did you get the idea for your gimmick of being the first man wearing a dress?

A Actually, I am the "Toughest Man to Ever Wear a Dress". The gimmick came from Vince McMahon, of WWE. It received a positive reaction from my fans then and still does.

Q What is it like to be in Big Time American Wrestling?

A This is one of the organisations that has shaped wrestling in the UK and has been in existence for a very long time. I do really enjoy being part of making history here. Big Time American Wrestling is a leader in the business.

Q What do you think is the most enjoyable or interesting aspect of what you do?

A I like pleasing my fans and giving them a spectacular show. I have the best time of my life when I am in front of them. The fans in the UK support the business. They are diehard – every week they are there.

Q What would you say has been your most memorable or exciting experience so far?

A There are many significant memories, but one that stood out was the day I wrestled on TV with Brett Hart for the Intercontinental Championship. I was his first TV title defence and he was real hard on me because I was a rookie, but when I came back he apologised for being a little rough with me and asked to work with me again. Ever since then, I have the respect of Brett Hart and we remain friends still today.

Q Do you have an amusing secret that you could share with your fans?

A A man in a dress never reveals his secrets.

Q What are your career goals?

A I want to continue to wrestle and to be an impact on other wrestlers through my training school. I see the future as being very bright and prosperous.

Q Have you been to Folkestone before and what do you know of the area?

A Unfortunately, I haven't been to Folkestone before – just wish it were in the middle of summer when I could really enjoy the "sandy beaches, colourful gardens and charming people". Hopefully, I will get that opportunity.

Q Where can people learn more about you and the show?

A People can visit www.bigtimewrestlinguk.com. For information about me, they can visit my website www.vitolograsso.com or my fan site at <http://www.myspace.com/bigvitofansitenol>. For bookings, I can be reached at vitobookings@yahoo.com.

Q What do you like to do in your spare time?

A Usually when I am not working, I start my day by doing aerobics in front of the television after a carrot juice. I put on my dress and go to the gym to work out with the guys. Lunch is enjoyed in the warm Florida weather and in the afternoon I lie out to tan on the beach.

Q Tell us something people don't tend to know about you

A I enjoy going to the beach and on cruises. Thank you for taking the time to interview me. It is always an honour to share my life with my fans.

Vito LoGrasso, the self-styled "toughest man to ever wear a dress", has just starred in Big Time American Wrestling at Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall. He spoke to **James Alexandre** about the world of wrestling.

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Thurs 26th	Boulogne	£23.00	£18.00	Wed 29th	Ikea & Lakeside Shopping Centre	£11.00	£9.00
Sat 28th	Bruges	£31.00	£27.00	MAY			
Tues 31st	Ideal Home Show	£27.50	£22.00			ADULT	CHILD
APRIL				Sat 2nd	Finchcocks	£28.60	£23.60
		ADULT	CHILD	Tues 5th	Le Touquet	£24.50	£19.50
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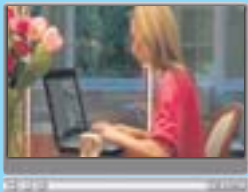
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Climate change warning from feathered friends

■ BY NICK AMES

CLIMATE change is having a clearly detectable impact on some species of bird already struggling to survive in Kent.

This month a group of scientists published findings that comprise the first indicator of the impact of climate change on wildlife across Europe.

The scientists say they show a strong link between the already-observed population changes of individual species and the projected range alterations associated with climate change among common European birds.

By pulling both sets of data together, the team has compiled an indicator showing how climate change is affecting wildlife.

Willow tit, wood warbler and lesser spotted woodpecker are all in the top ten worst-performing European species. All three still breed in south-east England, but at a dwindling number of sites.

However, the region's proximity to mainland Europe means it will be one of the first parts of the UK to see other species attempting to extend their range as our climate changes.

Cetti's warbler, which already breeds in Kent, is likely to increase its range, while the goldfinch, still a common bird here, is set to become more numerous.

The exotic-looking hoopoe is likely to extend its range to these shores, as are Sardinian and subalpine warblers and the European bee-eater.

Hester Phillips, of RSPB South East, said: "While we may soon start to see colourful and exotic-looking hoopoes and bee-eaters in the country more frequently, this paper shows us



LONGER RANGE: Species such as the goldfinch could become more widespread in Kent as birds adapt to climate change

that, on the whole, climate change is bad news for wildlife."

The RSPB's Dr Richard Gregory is the paper's lead author. He said: "We hear a lot about climate change, but this shows its effects are being felt right now. The number of species being badly affected outnumber the species that might benefit by three to one.

"Although we have only had a very small actual rise in global average temperature, it is

staggering how much change we are noticing in wildlife populations. If we don't take our foot off the gas now, our indicator shows there will be much worse to come. We must keep global temperature rise below the two-degree ceiling. Anything above this will create havoc."

Of the 122 species surveyed, 30 are anticipated to increase their range, while the remaining 92 are anticipated to decrease theirs.



FAST: High-speed trains can cover 80 metres a second

Deadly serious about dangers of high-speed track

A CAMPAIGN urging youngsters to stay away from the high-speed line which runs across the county is warning trespassers that trains can now run at more than 180mph.

Schools and youth groups across Kent will be shown a DVD about the dangers posed by trains travelling between London St Pancras and the Channel Tunnel at Folkestone.

Locos can reach more than double the speed of domestic rail services along the high-speed track.

Network Rail and British Transport Police said they were aiming to prevent a needless tragedy by alerting young people to the dangers.

Trains running on the 66-mile line can cover more than 80 metres a second and take more than a minute to come to a standstill from maximum speed.

The 12-minute DVD features a series of demonstrations by the 'Trainiacs' which show how much turbulence the locos create, how quiet they are and what would happen if someone were to be struck by one.

Ch Supt Mark Newton said: "Trespassing on or interfering with the railway is extremely dangerous and you could end up with a criminal record.

"Penalties range from fines to a prison sentence. However, the greatest deterrent should be the fact that you could be seriously injured or even lose your life."

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Second outing for our leisure show



TASTER: Kent tourism and leisure representatives will once again be on hand to offer travel tips at the Dover show

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

GREAT ideas for day trips, week-end breaks and holidays abroad will be available at KOS Media's second annual Travel and Leisure Show.

Last year's event was a huge success, with more than 4,000 visitors cramming into the Dover Cruise Terminal to find out more about the attractions available on their doorstep as well as the deals offered by ferry operators crossing the Channel.

It is said that an estimated 35 per cent of UK residents are not expected to holiday abroad in 2009, but this year's show on Sunday, March 29 at the terminal is set to

KOS Media holiday extravaganza set for return to port

be even bigger and there will be plenty to discover about Kent's own attractions.

KOS Media's marketing director Richard Purvis said the event gave firms in the travel, tourism and leisure industry the chance to show what they have to offer.

He added: "This is an opportunity for people to go along and chat to more than 100 different companies and learn about various things to do with the county's historic castles, zoos, public gardens, hotels and the like.

"A lot of people last year said they didn't know half the attractions existed, so we'll also be showcasing lots of these 'hidden gems' - places that do not have big budgets but are fantastic to visit nonetheless.

"Kent is also blessed with ferry operators crossing the Channel and the show will give visitors a great opportunity to see what is available, from day trips to short breaks in Europe."

There will also be representatives from French attractions and tourist offices attending as well.

The Travel and Leisure Show has received official accreditation from the organisers of British Tourism Week, which runs from March 23 to 29 and aims to raise awareness of the importance of Britain's visitor economy.

Dover and Deal Labour MP Gwyn Prosser has also voiced his support for the initiative and will be in attendance.

Destinations

Some will want to take the opportunity of some exceptional cruise deals available this year, and all of the major cruise lines will be attending the show giving visitors the opportunity to find the right cruise at the right price, to destinations across the world.

As well as the large number of companies exhibiting at the event, there will also be a competition to win a two-week cruise courtesy of Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines as well as 25 other great prizes.

Younger children will be able to visit a face-painter while their older siblings can experience the thrill of the TechZone, which will have a range of video game systems available to enjoy.

Hot and cold food and drinks will also be available at the show, which will run from 10am until 4pm.

Event manager Liz Hare said: "There's a really good mix of things to see and do, and it really is a great day out for the family.

"Kent has a lot to offer in terms of its visitor attractions, and the Travel and Leisure Show will be the only chance this year people will get to see them all under one roof."



SUCCESS: Last year's KOS Media Travel and Leisure Show attracted thousands of visitors

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Fishmongers push the boat out

Tuck into fish of the day to help keep trade afloat

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

IF YOU time your visit to parts of our coastline just right, you can catch a glimpse of a trade which has defined so much of our county.

With the crunch of shingle under foot, the sight of fishing boats being pulled up on to the shore remains an impressive sight.

And as the nets are gathered up and the boxes of fish are unloaded, you are reminded just how rich the waters which surround this county are.

From the round fish of bass, red mullet, dog fish and cod in the winter to the flat fish of Dover sole, dabs, plaice and lemon sole in the summer, the harvest is an ever changing feast of tastes and sensations.

And that's before examining the shellfish which has put the likes of Whitstable and its

Native oysters on the global gourmet map.

Andy Cooke has run Griggs fishmongers in Hythe for the last ten years. A chef by profession, working at some of the top London restaurants, he moved from the kitchens to the coal face to take over the day-to-day running of a company which has fished the south coast shores for more than 130 years.

His is the classic business – a stone's throw from the sea's edge, the fish makes a journey of just yards from boat to shop.

He explains: "If you're lucky enough, you can time it just right that you come here as the fish is being off-loaded from the boats.

"You can, if you like, actually select what you want while the fish are still flapping. It's not always the best solution as fish, like meat, needs to relax slightly and should be left a few hours, but people like the idea of selecting it when it's that fresh."

And, quite frankly, who can blame them?

Varieties

Kent's coastline is teeming with life that has sustained local fishermen for years. But it is no easy task and in recent years, EU fishing quotas has made a tough job even harder. The tight limits on the numbers of fish being caught is both frustrating and hard-hitting on their bottom line.

"It is hard for fisherman to make a living given the quotas," explains Mr Cooke,

"And we have to look at fishing other varieties of fish. Which makes it more interesting. We explain to customers about what else is on offer and we are always happy to advise on how best to cook varieties perhaps they have not tried before."

The impact on fishing families has, at times, been harsh. They still exist but are something of a declining breed. Which is why it is, as an industry, desperate to encourage the folk of Kent to shop local.



Mr Cooke adds: "We have to go back maybe 30 or 40 years to how people used to shop. You always shopped locally, you shopped for freshness and you shopped daily

"Keeping it local keeps the local economy alive and it's not travelling a million miles. Everyone is aware of food miles."

The scale of the investment too is quite remarkable. Griggs employs around 13 staff, with boats fishing from Hythe, Dungeness, Folkestone and Whitstable.

It is a big commitment, but this is the local economy at a grassroots scale. Every pound invested in its products, filters back into the county's economy. And in this day and age, every penny helps.

"If you have a fine fish like a turbot brought in on the Hythe coast here, why the hell would you import something from around the world?" says Mr Cooke.



TRADITION: Griggs of Hythe (inset) has fished the Kent coastline for more than a century

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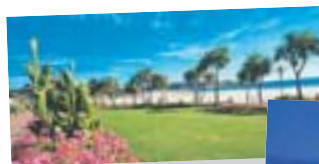
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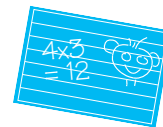
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Dancers bringing health benefits within reach

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE health benefits of dance have been explored at a public seminar at the Sidney De Haan Research Centre.

The event, at the University Centre Folkestone, in the town's Mill Bay, included a presentation and a hands-on interactive session with a professional dance instructor.

Guest speakers were led by Sophie Amstell, of Hampshire Dance, a regional agency which organises projects, performances, training and classes and is a partner in Youth Dance England in the South East.

She was joined by Laura Blazy and Ashley McGill, of contemporary dance company Laban, to talk about the impact of dance on the health and fitness of 11- to 14-year-olds, based on their own research.

Ms Amstell said ahead of the seminar: "Until 2005, research of this kind had never been undertaken in the UK and proved to be highly successful in providing robust evidence for the health benefits of dance for young people."

"Three years on and Hampshire Dance and Laban are again working together on a new youth dance and health project."

"This seminar will provide an opportunity to hear about the significance of the research and subsequent developments within the youth dance and health field."

Afterwards a practical session led by Nina Atkinson, artistic director of Loop Dance



REACHING OUT: Students in Folkestone were put through their paces by Hampshire Dance and Laban

Company, gave the audience a taste of creative dance and an insight into how it can inspire children in schools.

Ms Amstell has seven years' experience in arts education and worked as both a lead dance practitioner and community arts manager within education, as well as having freelance contracts for Brighton Festival, Brighton Dome and Brighton and Hove council.

She is now Youth Dance England's strategy manager for the South East, based at Hampshire Dance, working on the develop-

ment of dance both in and outside schools across the region.

The seminar is one of a series of workshops being held in music, art and health at the Sidney de Haan centre.

On Tuesday, May 5, Maya Twardzicki, a health advisor with East Surrey Primary Care Trust, talks on how drama and comedy can promote mental health and challenge stigma.

Later that month, theatre director Polly Wright will speak about the uses of drama in professional training and research.

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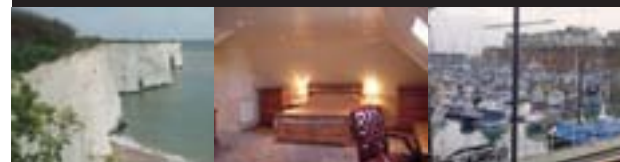
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Dovorian Andrew Stucken has had enough of the bloodsport that belittles his home town

Time to stop Dover-bashing and educate the ignorant

“DOVER? Urrgh!”

How many times have you heard that response when asked where you come from? It is a real conversation-stopper in parts of the UK – and especially the more self-regarding parts of Kent. It's as if you had just uttered an obscenity. If only it ended there. The stereotyping and level of prejudice that as a Dovorian you have to endure can leave you feeling punch-drunk.

We all know the score in this part of Kent and are hardly blind to its faults. But the level of negativity towards Dovorians has reached epidemic proportions. It is the deriding of a whole community that has suffered far more than its fair share of heartache and setbacks.

Kicking people when they are down is pretty nasty behaviour.

Let us dig a little deeper. What is so uniquely bad about the town? What makes it so much worse than other run-down seaside areas?

I could not help but notice the marked change in perception of Dover at the time of

the asylum-seeker crisis in the late 90s. Probe the reasons for the knee-jerk disgust towards Dover and you get comments like “I wouldn't go there – that's where all the asylum-seekers are” or “it's full of foreigners!” (*sic*).

Pardon? These comments reveal many things, including a woeful level of ignorance about the situation in Dover that is at least ten years out of date.

If there is a problem with community relations here, I have not noticed. And why should Dover not have an ethnic minority population like everywhere else? In fact, such remarks betray the disowned racism of those who speak them.

I think the attitudes I have described reveal a fundamental truth about human nature: people like to look down on others to make themselves feel better.

Dover-bashing has become the UK's new bloodsport. It is a classic case of what psychologists call ‘projection’ – imagining your own flaws in someone else.

By pigeonholing Dover as the fulcrum of

racism which it so clearly is not, it becomes the focus of other areas' disowned bigotry. The hypocrisy really rankles.

As someone who cares about the town and its future, please don't point out to me its faults as I am all too painfully aware of them. But that does not give people the right to mark you down as a second-class citizen on the basis of where you come from.

For a town that is struggling desperately to get back on its feet, the endless torrent of criticism is unhelpful and just demoralises everyone.

And next time someone expresses disgust at your home town, maybe think about re-educating them – and think about where the ‘disgust’ comes from.

Let's move on.

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YOUR LETTERS

Searching for shop details

My name is Sandra Sargent. I live in Australia but am originally from Sandwich.

My family had a general store in Dover many, many years ago and I am having trouble trying to get any information on them or the store. It was still trading in 1930 under the name of F Shaw.

I'm wondering if anyone could point me in the right direction to gain more information. This store was owned by my great-great-grandparents.

Please email me if you are able to assist in any way at sandrasargent@bigpond.com.

Sandra Sargent
by email

No motivation at home

I would like to comment on the article 'Working out how to cut costs from home' in last week's Beat The Crunch supplement.

It concerned the percentage of people now working out at home.

It cited "gym membership costing around £500", but that seems excessive to me.

There will always be a proportion of the community who will work out at home and get great results. I have met many of them and am friends with some of them, but then their jobs are very active jobs, so training at home to tone up is easy for them.

But the great many of us will still have to rely on either a personal trainer or gym membership to get fit and keep fit.

The £500-a-year memberships are mainly pointed at 'chain' organisations which charge an extortionate amount of money to join what is actually a health club.

This is not a gym where you will get good advice, help or encouragement to train harder. The staff are salespeople and there to sell memberships.

Yes, they know their products, but how to train, what to use, a training plan – they have no idea. And they mention the word 'discount' because you only want to use the

gym and nothing else – then you get the stony face and the matter-of-fact comment of 'There is one price, no discounts – if you don't like it, go elsewhere'. And I did.

These are not the sorts of places to grunt, groan and swear when trying to push that last rep on the bench-press, as you will more than likely be told to leave.

These health clubs are excellent if you intend to spend seven days a week there utilising every bit of your membership per month in all their facilities, but they are useless if you only want to use a gym.

I bought a £3,000-plus multigym in September last year with the intention of doing a Body For Life challenge. The inspiration to do the challenge comes from reading the book, but your energy, willpower and inspiration to do it in practice, by yourself, does not.

I found the supposed 45-minute workout – to build strength and muscle, lose fat and get the six-pack – took almost five hours sometimes due to distractions from family, telephone calls, emails, the postman, the dog wanting a walk and so on. Plus there is only so much machinery you can buy.

You could buy something deemed a bargain – like my exercise bike, which is excellent but so uncomfortable – whereas the recumbent version in the gym is great.

I have a friend who is loaded, for want of a better word, and has had a three-car garage converted into his own gym. The equipment cost him thousands of pounds and is just for his own use. His wife won't use the equipment because it scares her, so she joined a gym instead.

So did he, after just six months, and it sits there, gathering dust. Why? Because he has no motivation to use it at home. He trains harder and faster in the gym with his wife.

I joined a gym, in Folkestone, because I only wanted to use a gym. Not the sauna, pool, or aerobics classes, just the gym.

Fit-One, run by Ken Wildman, is brilliant. I have been a member for three weeks and the gains I have made in that time are greater than those made in five months at home.

I have full use of all the equipment, I have Ken's 30-plus years' experience to guide me and his attitude and motivation to push me.

At £17 a month – which works out at less than £200 a year – it is a bargain. If you want to change your physical appearance and improve your confidence no end, go and see Ken at Fit-One, above KFC in Sandgate Road, Folkestone.

So after all that, to say training at home is the best way to go is a load of rubbish.

The best way is to find a good gym where the owner is dedicated to getting his members to the level of fitness they want and it doesn't cost the earth.

AML
by email

Environment is everything

My name is Ken Wildman, owner of Fit-One Fitness Centre in Folkestone.

I really felt I had to comment on last week's article 'Working out how to cut costs from home' as I am a personal trainer and also a gym owner. From personal experience and having been in the fitness industry for 30 years, I must beg to differ with some of the comments made.

First of all, and I quote, "with gym membership costing around £500", well, our gym membership starts at £14 per month, which adds up to £168 per year.

That's in a gym with more than 60 machines, a free weights room and experienced, trained staff to help motivate and instruct on the finer points of exercising.

None of this is available in the home unless you are prepared to pay for a personal trainer, which can cost up to £50 per hour. I think this Hollywood-style personal trainer needs to get in the real world with real people.

Training is about focus and discipline and I have to say that only too often people who have taken it upon themselves to train at home fall by the wayside.

This is due to all their home comforts being close at hand, as well as interruptions encouraging them to put off the workout and not achieve the desired results.

I would also like to add that some of the equipment you can buy for the home can cost way in excess of the most expensive fitness membership. Barely a week goes by that

someone isn't offering home equipment for sale below purchase price due to under-use.

My advice: if it's results you want, you first have to be in a fitness environment, and the home isn't always the best environment.

Also there is the point of instruction that you do not get at home. DVDs are not the best form of instruction as it is all too easy to get it wrong.

There is a correct procedure for exercise and getting it wrong can result in injury, so for as little as £14 per month and on average £35 per month – that can be as little as £3.50 per week – I would say it is a small price to pay for supervised fully-equipped fitness.

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Ken Wildman
Folkestone

Lorraine is fit to govern

My congratulations to Lorraine Senticle on her election as foundation governor on the East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust.

Throughout, Lorraine has worked hard to see the best possible community hospital services for Dover and its district.

I wish her every success in her efforts to get the health services that are best for all the people of Dover and the surrounding area.

Mike Eddy (Labour)
County council member for Deal

Roger does right by us all

Regarding the recent article on Roger Walkden, who is one of the best councillors in Dover, he has always been there for all the people in Maxton, and Dover on the whole.

Many people go to him with whatever problems they have, be it black box collection, road repairs, or whatever other problem arises. Mr Walkden is always there to help and sort it out, often going out of his way to help. In no way is he racist.

Many of the people he helps are not of English origin – he puts himself out for all above and beyond the call of duty. I do feel those who cannot see the joke are perhaps

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the ones who are really racist, trying to stir up trouble between those who live here and our newly-arrived citizens.

Dover has welcomed people from all corners of the globe for centuries. Many would, if they went back in time, be surprised where their ancestors came from.

When I was young I remember many jokes about English, Irish and Scottish people – we didn't hate them, it was just a joke and we weren't being racist. Lighten up.

And thank you, Mr Walkden, for all your hard work.

Dawn Parkinson
Dover

We're back on track

The resumption of Eurostar rail services between Ashford and Brussels is great news for the people of Shepway and throughout Kent.

International trade, tourism and commerce is a vital element in securing a prosperous future for Shepway, and restoring the Ashford to Brussels rail link, combined with the forthcoming high-speed rail link between Folkestone and London, is an integral part of that future.

The cancellation of the service over the past two years has been a strategic and costly mistake for both the economy of the South East and Eurostar.

I and others from both the local and county Labour Party took the opportunity of travelling on the first train back to Brussels last month so

we could thank Peter Skinner MEP. His efforts and those of others in campaigning to restore the service deserves our wholehearted thanks.

Donald Worsley
Labour PPC for Folkestone, Hythe,
Romney Marsh and Saxon Shore

It's time to move on

In reply to BNP supporters Messrs Harry Williams and Maxwell Dunlop (last week's letters), I firstly point out that the former, in March 1's Kent on Sunday, appeared to refuse the reality of the Holocaust, even pointing to 'denial' websites.

This, in I'm sure most people's view, surely speaks volumes about the reality of the BNP.

Further, Mr Williams recently sent me an unsolicited letter which I regarded as little more than a poison-pen missive. It has accordingly been passed to friends and long-standing police contacts.

If he and his ilk cannot respect simple privacy boundaries, what else might they breach?

Both Messrs Williams and Dunlop espouse, indirectly, a policy of economic nationalism.

However, this has never worked and has always made things worse. Indeed it was tried, briefly, in 1930s America and had to be abandoned in favour of the then Keynesian method that largely provided the answer – as it can today.

More recently, the Swiss people massively rejected a similar right-wing move to close their

borders to EU workers.

They knew what would happen to their economy and country if they had accepted it.

As to the 'real answers', firstly Labour's Lady Ashton recently said that the BNP may seem to provide them but when you looked just a bit closer, it was based on hate.

What people need now is hope, not hate, and indeed a coalition of national and international campaign groups, trades unions, green and religious groups, along with some of the sensible smaller political groups and parties, has formed ahead of the G20 Summit.

It is to campaign to Put People First, not just one group here or anywhere else, on the basis of jobs, justice and climate. To which I would just add homes.

There are an estimated, and initial, 400,000 jobs in the UK alone on offer in the green-collar sector alone.

Add building new council houses and renovating all those empty flats being sat on by developers, and we can start housing those on the in-need lists as a way of helping to restart the economy.

The violent and discredited ideologies of the far-right need to be consigned to the dustbin of history and, as most will do anyway, people should support the forward-looking and socially progressive movements and ideas that will provide a decent future for us all.

Ray Duff
Folkestone
Editor

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It's been four years since soulful singer Lemar has been to Kent, but he's back to promote his latest album *The Reason*

WITH platinum record sales and a number of awards under his belt, Lemar is returning to Margate.

It has been four years since the pop-soul artist performed at the Winter Gardens and fans will not be disappointed with his progress. The show will include his best-loved hits and material from his latest album, *The Reason*, released last November.

Lemar first came to the general public's attention back in 2002, when he appeared on the BBC's

reality show *Fame Academy*. Although he finished the series in third place, his success has far surpassed that of the winner David Sneddon and fellow runner-up Sinead Quinn. His achievements include two MOBO awards, two BRIT awards and record sales of two million but, despite appearances, his success was far from an overnight phenomenon.

When he saw the advert for *Fame Academy*, Lemar, 30, was on the brink of giving up on a music career to become a computer programmer. After spending eight long years on the circuit and trying to break into the

industry, he began to think that his dream would never come true.

But all those years of honing his craft proved to be invaluable, as he wowed viewers and judges week after week with his soulful voice and charismatic stage presence. His performances on television translated into big record sales, impressing the critics as well as the fans.

Lemar appeared in the first of just two series of *Fame Academy*, the second of which was won by Alex Parks. The celebrity version *Comic Relief Does Fame Academy* proved to be more popular, appearing in the 2003, 2005 and 2007 events. Of all the contestants on the 'civilian' versions, Lemar has enjoyed the most commercial success.

The latest album sees a change in direction for Lemar as he reaches a more thoughtful period in his life. Last year he became a father for the first time and his baby daughter Nyiema inspired the album's title track, *The Reason*.

A prolific songwriter, Lemar had about 80 tracks to choose from when he put the album together. One of the songs, *Mayday*, is a ballad about love that is expressed through the metaphor of a doomed fighter pilot. This scenario also gave him the chance to comment on current affairs and specifically the war in Iraq.

The show starts at 7pm and tickets cost £25. To book call the box office on 01843 292795/296111 or visit www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.

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Fancy dress is encouraged, though not essential, so dust off those flares, squeeze into those hot pants and fluff up that afro wig in preparation to get lost in music. Previous events have seen Madonna, Bjorn and John Travolta boogying down in the company of the Village People and the Bee Gees as people pay tribute to their favourite music icons of the era.

The party starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10. To book call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or visit the website at www.leascliffhall.org.uk. Group discounts are available, – call the venue for details.

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At sister park Howletts, near Canterbury, a family day out is on offer featuring lots of 'mum-themed' activities, including animal enrichment workshops and a special guided tour visiting some of the best animals. Every mum will also be presented with a basket of flowers, grown on the Aspinall estate, before leaving. The cost of the family day out is £60.

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TALBOT HOUSE

Saturday, March 21
Tower Theatre, Folkestone

THE story of wartime haven Talbot House will hold particular interest for residents of Shepway.

Written by Peter Gill, this family-friendly play tells the story of the house in Poperinge, Belgium, that became a sanctuary for thousands of Allied troops during the Great War. Hythe is twinned with Poperinge and has had a long relationship with Tubby Clayton, the diminutive chaplain who ran Talbot House.

The play recreates the music, humour and atmosphere that made Talbot House such an inspirational place. It became known by its army signaller's code, Toc H, and ultimately inspired the organisation of the same name. Today, Toc H helps people with key skills to become more involved with their community, family or school, aiming to break down barriers to bring individuals and groups together.

The house was named after Gilbert Talbot, a promising young lieutenant who was killed in Belgium in 1915. A strong spirit seems to run in the family, as Gilbert was the great, great uncle of TV adventurer Bear Grylls.

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This tour coincides with the release of his debut solo album, *Grace/Wastelands*, a recording which features special guests including Blur guitarist Graham Coxon, and Doherty's Babyshambles band mates.

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Annual Oxjam extravaganza is sounding good for charity

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A HOST of bands, buskers, DJs and divas will take to the stage across Kent this month to take part in the annual Oxjam fund-raiser.

The annual Oxjam free-for-all will see dozens of events take place throughout March, with all proceeds going to the international charity.

The next Kent Oxjam night takes place in Ramsgate tomorrow, with Beba and Emma aka Gembah performing at the Enoteca Bar.

Next week ten bands will play at the Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham, during the Medway Oxjam event.

Highlights across the two stages include Zombie Met Girl, The Ambience, The Vandebilts, The Pretty Jacks and Brigadier Ambrose.

Oxjam Medway organiser Moira Mehaffey said: "We are delighted the Tap 'n' Tin is hosting another night in aid of Oxjam and that ten amazing local acts are prepared to devote their time and play for free in order to support the charity. Our last event at the Tap in October, 2007, raised more than £1,700.

"The event on Thursday, March 26 is our biggest yet in 2009 and features a variety of electric and acoustic acts with something to appeal to every taste.

"For more information on this event or any of Oxjam Medway's activities, people can visit www.myspace.com/oxjammedway or email on oxjammedway@yahoo.co.uk.

"We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the artists, promoters and audience members who have made Oxjam such a success in Medway and hope that they will continue to get involved in supporting our work."



FUND-RAISING THE ROOF: Zombie Met Girl (left) and Brigadier Ambrose (right) will be performing at the Tap'nTin

OXJAM EVENTS

Thursday, March 19 - Enoteca Bar, Ramsgate
Beba, Emma AKA Gembah!

Thursday 26 - Tap 'n' Tin, Chatham
Zombie Met Girl, The Ambience, The Vandebilts, The Pretty Jacks, The Gizmo, The Startover, Brigadier Ambrose, Ben Jones, James Jefferys, Bob Collins

Every Oxjam event is organised by ordinary, music-loving fans and range from large-scale festivals to local sponsored busks.

Since the launch of Oxjam in 2006, more than 36,000 musicians have taken part in almost 3,000 Oxjam events nationwide.

The festival has raised more than £1 million for the charity since it was created. Celebrities who have supported Oxjam include Jarvis Cocker, Fatboy Slim, Hot Chip, The Kooks, Klaxons, Editors, Kasabian and Jamelia.

Other celeb backers include Kaiser Chiefs' frontman Ricky Wilson, who said: "We're proud to be Oxjam supporters. It's Oxjam's way of raising vital funds for its overseas work.

"Oxjam's about music fans picking up their instruments to help fight poverty, by getting involved on any level you're helping a very worthwhile cause."

Tom Smith, singer with long-term Oxjam supporters Editors, said: "What better way is there for music fans to help fight worldwide poverty than Oxjam? It's fantastic for us to be involved, raising money at the shows and letting our fans know what can be done.

"Whether it's busking, playing in an orchestra or performing at a local gig, every note played can help change people's lives."

To view the line-up for March and find out how to get involved with Oxjam around the UK, visit www.oxfam.org.uk/oxjam or call 0870 905 9060.

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Emily's blunt request to become Queen of England

BY SHEREEN LOW

EMILY Blunt had no time for playing princesses when she was a little girl, but she was prepared to do anything to portray Queen Victoria in her latest film.

"I just thought she was such a remarkable girl and wanted to play her very much," the 26-year-old actress admits.

"It is rare that I make a plea for a part and I did really want this one, it's probably the only part I've ever really gone down on my hands and knees for."

Emily, who shot to fame in *The Devil Wears Prada*, relished the chance to portray the longest reigning monarch in British history in *The Young Victoria*.

"I had a perception of her. I had the opinion that she was old, in mourning, sour-faced and repressed, and when I started to read about her, I fell in love with her. And then when I started to see this very intimate side of Victoria, and this intimate portrait of her through the books that I read and Julian's (Fellowes) script, I think I could then see she was the polar opposite to what I had imagined her to be like, and I saw her as this young girl who was feisty, rebellious and passionate," she continues.

While she was keen to play the famous queen, London-born Emily admits that she wasn't always so fond of royalty.

"Definitely not. I was never the girl who dreamt of being a princess, and I've never dreamt about my wedding day," she says.

"I hated pink and I hated fairies. I remember throwing a tantrum if my mum tried to dress me in pink. I wasn't particularly a girly girl. I only liked hanging out with boys, which is worrying, isn't it?"



ROYAL ASSENT: Emily Blunt stars in *The Young Victoria*

Even so, Emily says she felt a real connection with her character.

"I identify with her hugely. We all know what it is like to be a teenager, to stubbornly think we know it all and to actually be in a job which is way over your head, not to mention being deeply in love for the first time. She had such zest for life at a young age and would talk with such passion about the people she loved, opera, even food."

Filming took place in some of the country's most historic locations, including Blenheim Palace, Hampton Court Palace and Belvoir

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Castle, to remain as authentic as possible.

The movie has some royal standing – it was co-produced by Sarah, Duchess of York, and her eldest daughter Princess Beatrice has a cameo as a lady-in-waiting.

"She was very friendly and carried my train, which was very nice and ironic. She's very good-natured, patient and a very nice girl. People think that she is in the film a lot because I get asked that all the time, but she's only in one scene," Emily says.

Playing a Queen of England has won awards for Dame Judi Dench, Cate Blanchett and Dame Helen Mirren, but Emily refuses to be drawn into the debate.

"To follow in their footsteps is very tricky, because they're all people I admire," she says.

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Water way to travel to Venice

BY JONATHAN GRUN

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Our spirits rose and excitement mounted from the very moment we reached the Venice lagoon. In the very far distance we could see the familiar romantic skyline and the hairs stood up on the back of my neck.

We followed the ancient route through the navigable waterway and then the astonishing beauty of St Mark's Square was upon us – the Doge's Palace, the Basilica, the Campanile – all laid out in the sparkling sunshine with the blue green water of the Adriatic lapping into the Grand Canal.

It was one of those moments I knew I'd treasure for the rest of my life.

For us arriving was the climax of an extraordinary cruise, which had taken us to other historic cities, including Rome, Florence and Athens. We gazed out on Venice from the bows of the Celebrity Summit, the 91,000-ton luxury liner which had been our home for 12 days.

The ship carries over 2,000 passengers in great comfort, with a very high standard of service offered by a crew trained to believe the customer is king.

We joined the Summit in Barcelona after flying from London. The first full day on board was spent at sea, drifting lazily towards Villefranche on the French Riviera across a very blue Mediterranean.

There are plenty of dining choices on board



COMFORT: The Celebrity Summit is a luxurious way to ensure you enjoy the journey as much as the destination

and you dress up or down as you please. If you are worn out after a day ashore you can opt to eat in your stateroom or go casual and enjoy sushi and other dishes in the ship's cafe.

There is also a wide choice of what to do with your time. It seemed to me there were 2,000 people having fun in 2,000 different ways. But life on board was just a means to an end: the destinations are what make a cruise special.

Majestic

Villefranche was a great jumping-off point for Monte Carlo, Nice and Cannes. Then it was a short dash for the Summit to Livorno, gateway to Pisa, with its now-restored Leaning Tower and the majestic Renaissance city of Florence.

This is a wonderful place, with beautiful buildings, moving works of art and the knowledge that when you tread the pavements you are following in the footsteps of the Medici, Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello – and even Machiavelli. You could spend days exploring but in the time available we at least got a pre-

cious snapshot of the city and vowed to return.

The following day the Summit docked in Civitavecchia, just a short journey from Rome. There was an organised tour in an air-conditioned coach but more independent-minded travellers could use the train to reach the great city and explore on their own.

Next stop was Naples, with the Amalfi coast, Pompeii and Capri all options for the time ashore.

After the volcanic island of Santorini, we docked next at Athens, the gigantic sprawling city which had the wonders of the Parthenon standing on the Acropolis to delight us.

A day at sea allowed us to get our breath back before we arrived in Dubrovnik. This historic, walled Croatian city is a fascinating place to explore – and is all the more remarkable when you remember it was pulverised and then lovingly restored after the conflict that saw Yugoslavia fragment in disarray in the 90s.

By the time it concluded in Venice the trip had lived up to all expectations.



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PROPERTY NEWS

Prices are still dropping but interest on the up

HOUSE prices dropped by 1.3 per cent in February, bringing them to their lowest level since March 2005, according to property analysts Chesterton Humberts' House Price Poll of Polls.

The average house price is now £165,727, down from 16.1 per cent year on year from February 2008 and falling £32,185 from its peak in January 2008.

Flats and terraces fared worst in the poll, with year-on-year declines of 17.6 per cent and 16.9 per cent. House prices fell in all regions of the UK in February 2009, with the exception of Scotland, where prices were flat.

Robert Bartlett, chief executive of Chesterton Humberts, said: "While the decline appears to be slowing, the continuing drop in house prices highlights the need for the Government to do more to assist recovery in the property sector."

"The welcome news Northern Rock will be increasing mortgage lending needs to be followed up with a range of fiscal measures, including tax cuts and incentives for first-time buyers, similar to that implemented in the United States."

"We are seeing strong demand for property, but this will not translate into sales until the lending and tax issues are resolved."

Increased supply cuts average rent values

EXCESS supply and falling rents is a "pattern replicated over most of the UK", according to FindaProperty rental index.

Average rents for February of this year were £830 per calendar month, down £10 from January and £42 pcm compared with February 2008.

FindaProperty said a surge in supply had pushed asking prices down by 1.2 per cent in February and by 4.8 per cent over the year.

However, the rental index also discovered how increased tenant activity had reduced the average time a property was on the market by one day to 70 days over the month. But time on the market remains up 15 days year-on-year.

The North West experienced the worst decline, with annual rental prices down by 14.3 per cent to £592pcm from £645pcm. UK rental yield remained unchanged at 4.6 per cent for the fourth consecutive month.

Andrew Smith, head of research, said: "The credit crunch and the downturn in the sales market have led to a very significant increase in activity in the rentals market."



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Housing groups call for huge surge in building

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Government has been urged by housing groups to build its way out of recession by investing billions of pounds into putting up 100,000 new affordable homes over the next two years.

With British construction and manufacturing hit hard by the financial downturn, the newly-formed 2020 Group says building more homes will give a boost to the economy, save thousands of construction jobs, avoid serious skills shortages and help stimulate long-term market stability.

The 2020 Group, chaired by Kate Barker, the Prime Minister's influential former housing adviser, says significant extra financial investment is needed to keep supply going, supporting private building and creating 100,000 new social homes over the next two years.

Along with Ms Barker, the group consists of the National Housing Federation housing charity Shelter, the Local Government Association (LGA) and the TUC.

Despite Government pledges to build thousands of new homes, the credit crunch has meant a collapse in house prices and lending, a severe drop in house-building and an estimated 450,000 job losses in the construction industry between 2008 and 2010.

Federation chief executive David Orr said: "The group's proposed house-building programme could kick-start the economy, save jobs and deliver new homes for more than 200,000 people. This is a one-off chance for the Government to stimulate the economy and help meet housing need in one fell swoop."

Mr Orr added: "Without radical action many people in construction will lose their jobs and up to five million people could find themselves on housing waiting lists by the end of 2010."

"This is the Government's chance to help us



SO MANY HOUSES: But some groups are calling for many more - 100,000 'social' units over the next two years

to make sure neither of these things happens."

Figures for 2007 show 6,660 households in the South East were accepted as homeless, with 6,760 living in temporary accommodation. Last week the Ministry of Justice published its mortgage and landlord possession statistics, showing repossession orders rose by 10 per cent in the South East during the last three months of 2008 compared with figures for the same time in 2007.

The 2020 group says a major house-building programme would help put the industry and the economy back on its feet, provide homes for some of the half-million households who are living in bad housing, help forestall a return to unsustainable house price inflation and provide a lifeline to the 1.77 million

households on council housing waiting lists.

The 2020 Group's call comes as PM Gordon Brown and Chancellor Alastair Darling work towards announcing a major financial stimulus package in April's budget. The group wants major investment in house-building included in the Government's figures as a certain way of supporting the economy.

Ms Barker said: "Support for housing today offers excellent value in terms of sustaining economic activity and reduces the risk of a very severe loss of capacity in the housing and related industries. There is real concern that the present fall in home-building is sowing the seeds of the next boom."

She added: "Social housing waiting lists are rising. This package meets an urgent need."

Developer announces massive pre-tax losses

A MASSIVE drop in sales and a write-down in the value of assets because of the property market fall-off led to a £78.7 million pre-tax loss for Kent company Bovis Homes last year.

That compared with a £123.6 million profit in 2007. But the housebuilder, which has its head office at New Ash Green, said it was hopeful that activity would begin to improve as lower house prices and interest rates fed through into the market.

However, it warned that trying to work out the timing of the improvement was not good

and that it was digging in for a continuation of current market conditions.

It has renewed bank loans - a positive sign about its stability - and started 2009 with a large number of finished stock homes which it aims to sell at a good margin.

The company has secured 772 reservations for legal completion in 2009, compared with 1,262 at the same point in 2008.

Despite this 39 per cent fall, Bovis said the 330 reservations from private buyers in the first nine weeks of the year represented a 22

per cent improvement on the same point a year earlier.

During 2008 Bovis cut its workforce by 60 per cent from 1,039 to 441 following a recruitment freeze and two rounds of job cuts.

It cut its building programme from 3,500 units to 1,782, while only 173 plots were added to the land bank during 2008.

The average selling price of legal completions fell from £179,500 to £150,800, which Bovis said reflected the weaker market and a shift towards social housing.

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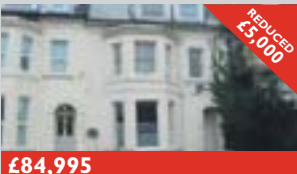
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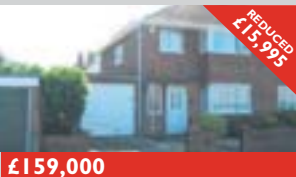
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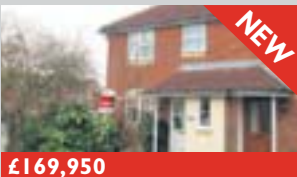
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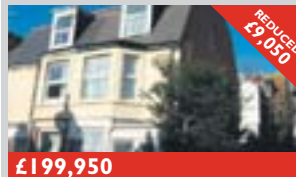
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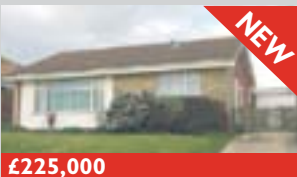
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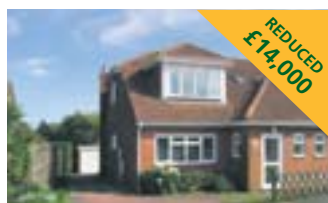
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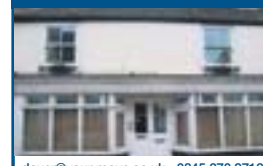
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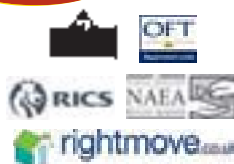
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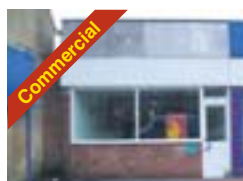
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Zafira is going greener with ecoFlex version

VAUXHALL has created its first ecoFLEX version of the UK market's best-selling midi-MPV, the seven-seat Zafira.

The greener Zafira uses a new ultra-clean 1.7-litre diesel emitting just 139g/km of CO₂, qualifying for £120/year road tax and dropping four levels to 18 per cent for company car drivers' benefit in kind tax – the lowest for any UK seven-seater.

The ecoFLEX also averages around 53mpg and is available in all five Zafira trim levels, starting from £17,310.



Insight ready to shake a few hybrid feathers

HONDA'S holy grail is hydrogen technology, but the Japanese brand also wants to stay in the hybrid race.

Its new Insight hatchback hybrid, due in April and priced from £15,490, will pressurise Toyota's hybrid market-leading Prius and even eco-diesel versions of mainstream conventional cars like the Ford Focus, Vauxhall Astra and VW Golf.

Honda says the Insight can match diesel economy at petrol prices. Company car 'user choosers' can also prune ten per cent from 'benefit in kind' tax.



Mazda mad March '09 new registration offers

ZOOM Zoom brand Mazda will raise prices by two per cent in April for its sporty Mazda5 and 6 family models.

The Japanese marque blames rising raw material costs and volatile exchange rates for the hike, but has flagged that buyers could save from £289-429, depending on model, by buying their new '09 Mazda5 or 6 before March 31.

Dealers are also offering keen Mazda hire purchase deals until the end of March, while every Mazda6 qualifies for three years' free servicing.



BARGAIN BUY: Chevrolet's Aveo carries much over from the Daewoo Kalos design it has replaced, but it also offers distinctive style and Chevy's strength as a value brand

Aveo's space and design is yours for low 'Chevy levy'

CHEVROLET launched a new supermini and a new name last year – or did it?

The new Aveo has Chevy's new corporate two-part grille with a crossbar wearing the US brand's gold 'bowtie' badge.

View from side on though and it is clear that much has been carried over from the Daewoo Kalos design the Aveo has replaced.

Fortunately, the interior looks far better than the old Kalos, with improved materials, comfortable seats and a well-arranged dash though there is still scratch-prone 'silver' plastic – already showing wear and tear on our flagship LT-spec test car and likely to become shabby after 10-20,000 miles.

On the other hand, the Aveo benefits from the roomy cabin and decent boot carried over from the Kalos – a lot of space for the money when the three-door entry version starts at just £7,695.

Less welcome are the 1.2 and 1.4-litre engine options borrowed from the old generation Vauxhall Corsa – good for power, but lacking refinement. Neither is particularly frugal or qualifies for the two lowest payable road tax bands either. A vague gearshift and

ROAD TEST CHEVROLET AVEO

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

cornering ability detract from driving pleasure too; you never feel the Aveo will lose itself, but more certainty would be good.

Not surprisingly, this sloppy feel benefits the car's ride quality; it can still be crashy on a poorly maintained country road, but everyday comfort is better than average.

Motorway refinement is also not bad, but engine and wind noise intrude.

Our flagship 1.4-litre LT five-door looks expensive at £9,545, but you should expect a discount and it comes with alloys, front fogs, a rear spoiler, leather trimmed steering wheel with audio controls and even a folding table on the back of the front passenger seat.

On the other hand, more 'basic' versions exemplify Chevy's long-running strength as General Motors' value brand and why it has made such gains in market share – its UK slice grew by more than a quarter last year, and will surely grow as the nation tightens its belt over the next 12 months.

Keep your 'Chevy levy' low by opting for cheaper models then and you will buy a small hatchback that undercuts many bargain rivals yet offers distinctive styling and more interior space.



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FORD C-MAX



HISTORY will show this was a pivotal model for Ford. The C-Max has proved to be the first 'driver's MPV' even if it was criticised for lacking the seven seats of the rival Vauxhall Zafira. However, the virtues of smart looks, excellent build and affordable high spec models can be added to good handling. With jointly developed and smoother diesels from Ford's partnership with Peugeot-Citroën, the C-Max can also compete with anything for refinement, economy and power.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

SKODA OCTAVIA



IF you have not yet woken to used Skoda bargains, smell the coffee now with one of the best – the stylish estate spin-off from the brand's own wake-up model, the Octavia. Diesels are the pick across both Octavia generations, though petrols can be bargains and the scorching vRS will put a smile on the face. The Octavia estate's real ace though is space within the modest dimensions of a VW Golf-based platform and there are even 4x4 versions too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL VECTRA



YOU could be forgiven for thinking we would recommend the Vectra estate here, but that is a truly massive car using a longer wheelbase. Its hatchback sister is more plentiful and deceptively spacious. With a large boot and folding rear seats, this is all the load lugger most families need and an SRi or similar spec with alloys looks good without costing huge amounts. Fiat-derived 1.9 diesel examples are the pick for low down power and economy.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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BMW

3 SERIES, 320 D ES E90, 22753188, black, 0 miles, £9995, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 325i SE, air con, climate control, full leather, abs, power steering, twin air bags, curtain airbags, side air bags, traction control, cruise control, trip computer, multi-function steering wheel, auto-idp rearview, rain-sensing wipers, cd player, radio remote central locking, remote alarm, height adjustable seat, front fog lamps, parking sensor, alloys, black, 38300 miles, £7695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

5 SERIES, 520 i auto, lg52kkk, remote alarm, remote central locking, centre armrest, head restraints, power steering, abs, multiple airbags, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, radio cassette, 16" alloys, always over 60 mercedes-benz cars in stock! we will not be beaten on price! fully fsa regulated, light blue metallic, 85000 miles, £7995, DW Leisure Mercedes Benz Specialist, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

6 SERIES, 645ci coupe, 2004, mystic blue with black Dakota leather, 39000 miles, £24950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 735i AUTO, 2002, oxford green metallic with beige nappa exclusive, 79000 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

Z3, 1.9 Roadster Convertible 2d 1895cc, p180jmf, abs braking system, alloys, leather seats, deadlocks, air traction control system, power steering, drivers airbag, electric/driver's seat, radio / cd, front foglights, black, 59150 miles, £7995, E-SUREED Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 547755 (TRADE)

CADILLAC

CTS, cts 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 22379 miles, £12950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

AVEO, 2008, abs air con, anti theft protection cd player central locking clock driver airbag driver seat height adjustment electric front windows passenger airbag power steering radio titilable steering wheel wiper rear window, pool wiper, 25 miles, £8145, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

KALOS, SX 5dr, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, air con, abs, cd player, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 3000 miles, £5995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE Ac 5dr, air con, cd player, radio, power steering, abs, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, twin air bags, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, remote central locking, remote alarm, blue, 1800 miles, £4595, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

TACUMA, CDX Plus, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, abs, power steering, electric mirrors, air con, cd player, 15" alloys, grey, 7000 miles, £4995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

300C, 5.7v6 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light slate gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

NEON, 2.0 LXi, 1995 (n), 95 (n) chrysler neon 2.0 bi automatic, 5 door saloon, metallic green coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, only 1 owner from new just been serviced and new cam belt, new mot a snip at now £1495, metallic green, low mileage 57000 miles, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER, ic57 fwz, air con, full leather, remote central locking, remote alarm, power steering, abs, electric windows, electric mirrors, powered folding mirrors, traction control, heated seats, centre armrest, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, blue, 2250 miles, £7495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CITROEN

BERLINGO MULTISPACE, pas, abs, air con, remote central locking, front fog lights, radio/cd, trip computer, side airbags, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, isofix child seat anchor points, roof rails, 3x3 point rear seat belts, cloth seat trim, front head restraints, rear headrests, height adjustable driver seat, side spare wheel, service indicator, rear wiper, immobiliser, audio remote control, grey, 5 miles, £11995, Thames Group Turnbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

C-CROSSER, 2.2 HDi Exclusive 5dr, 2008, 2.2 hdi exclusive 5dr diesel estate, grey, 12721 miles, £5295, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i Vibe 3dr, 2006, 1.0i vibe 3dr hatch, red, 5721 miles, £5295, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C2, 1.1i Cool 3dr, 2008, 1.1i cool 3dr hatch sp eds, possidon blue, 9000 miles, £6495, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3, 16v SX 5dr, gJ07y4a, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, head restraints, folding rear seats, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, multiple airbags, abs, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, 15" alloys, blue, 10000 miles, £6995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

C4, SX 16v SX, 4731314, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, folding rear seats, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, multiple airbags, abs, power steering, electric front windows, air con, cd player, aluminium silver, 27000 miles, £4995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

C5, 2.0HDI 16v VTR+ 5dr Diesel touring, gJ0Bwvs, front electric windows, rear wiper, silver, 500 miles, £16995, Thames Group Turnbridge Wells, Turnbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

C8, 2.0 HDi 16V SX 5dr [136], 2007, 2.0 hdi 16v sx 5dr [136] diesel estate, silver, 8995 miles, £15995, Wilmoth's Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

DISPATCH, 815 Enterprise Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, ce56zv, twin sliding doors, dual passenger seat, cd player, remote central locking, power steering, pr lined, gah equipment, electric standby available if required (optional extra), white, 18000 miles, £8500, BHRV, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

NEMO, 1.4 HDi X, 2008, 1.4 hdi x diesel, white, 1000 miles, £6995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

RELAY, 1800 2.8 HDi LWB Hi-Roof, v558xda, side load door, bulkhead, dual passenger seat, radio cassette, power steering, white, 55200 miles, £2895, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

SAXO, 1.6i 16v VTS Hatchback 3d 1587cc (2000), 03, met blue, miles, £3999, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

XSARA PICASSO, 2003, 1.8i 16v sx 5dr estate, grey, 55000 miles, £3995, Wilmoth's Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

FIAT

DOBLO, 8v Dynamic Hr, xy57pwn, grey, 1700 miles, £7495, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

DUCATO, 30 100 Multijet L2 H1, eJ56jfg, remote central locking, radio/cd, trip computer, side airbags, steering wheel reach adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment 1 owner service history, moonstail silver, 23000 miles, £5689, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, pas, abs, remote central locking, front electric windows, front fog lights, alloys, radio/cd, trip computer, side airbags, electric door mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, drivers airbag, body coloured bumpers, service indicator, full size spare wheel, immobiliser, isofix child seat anchor points, audio remote control, rear armrest, 3x3 point rear seat belts, height adjustable drivers seat, rear wiper, cloth seat trim, jungle grey metallic, 4910 miles, £6995, Thames Group Turnbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

MAREA, T100 SX Weekend, 1998, red, 106000 miles, £395, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, J10 110 LX (44.1 mpg £170 RFL grp 10 ins), eu02lwh, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, head restraints, folding rear seats, rear headrests, power steering, air bag, electric front windows, electric mirrors, steering wheel reach adjustment, climate control, multi-disc cd player, radio, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 24500 miles, £13995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

KA, Luxury 3dr, ap04 ftj, air conditioning, full leather, cd player, radio, power steering, air bag, electric front windows, electric mirrors, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, remote alarm, alloy wheels, black, 11600 miles, £4495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

MONDEO, LX 1798cc 5 door, 2001, cd player abs brakes air conditioning remote central locking alarm drivers airbag multiple airbags power steering immobiliser electric windows, gloss whight, 10000 miles, £2295, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

MUSTANG, 3.8 v6 coupe, 1995, silver, 23579 miles, £5495, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

RANGER, Supercab 2.5 TD 4X4, av05hzm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, air bag, air conditioning, electric mirrors, electric windows, radio cassette, 4x4, x2 rear seats, hard top, load liner, white, 32000 miles, £4495, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

STREETKA, 1.6i Red, 2005, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers drivers airbag height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser red leather passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking sports seats, grey, 31000 miles, £5489, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

STILO, 16v Active Sport 3dr, gJ54 con, power steering, abs, trip computer, twin air bags, curtain airbags, cd player, radio, cloth upholstery, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, electric front windows, electric mirrors, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, alloys, silver, 24300 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FORD

C-MAX, Ghia (2005) 5-Dr 1.8 TDCi Lynx Sg4 115 PS (-), 25/01/2006, black, 30933 miles, £7700, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, STYLE, 07 2007, this car is just turned 1 year old the last owner decided that she does not do enough miles to warrant such a new car. it is still covered by the ford warranty, and does not need a mot for 2 years. it is in the very low tax and insurance groups. this must be very good value for a small 5 door car with less than 5 thousand miles. test drive available, finance subject to status, blue, £7295, Courtney Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

FOCUS C-MAX, 2006, insurance group 6 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electric/dror mirrors immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment 1 owner service history, moonstail silver, 23000 miles, £5689, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FUSION, 1.6 Zetec Auto [Climate], 2007, insurance group 6 abs air conditioning alloy wheels body coloured bumpers folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking trip computer 1 owner service history, panther black, 27000 miles, £6489, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

GALAXY, Ghia Tdci, vw08bth, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, parking sensor, power steering, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, climate control, multi-disc cd player, radio, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 24500 miles, £13995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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MONDEO, LX 1798cc 5 door, 2001, cd player abs brakes air conditioning remote central locking alarm drivers airbag multiple airbags power steering immobiliser electric windows, gloss whight, 10000 miles, £2295, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

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STREETKA, 1.6i Red, 2005, insurance group 7 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers drivers airbag height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser red leather passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking sports seats, grey, 31000 miles, £5489, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

TRANSIT, 280 100bhp LWB Med-Roof, ln55wzc, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, bulkhead, fly-lined, side load door, semi-high roof, dual passenger seat, power steering, abs, air bag, radio cassette, blue, 44000 miles, £5000, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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ACCORD, Type-V, y915 mrx, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, full leather, electric seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, climate control, radio cassette, twin air bags, electric sunroof, abs, power steering, alloy wheels, green, 54600 miles, £2995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CIVIC, SE i-Dsi i-Shift 5dr, hg57mkm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, hmetalic paintwork, abs, multiple airbags, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, aluminium silver, 7000 miles, £10995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

CR-V, i-VTEC SE Sport, oe53 ovj, air conditioning, power steering, electric sunroof, remote central locking, abs, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric mirrors, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, twin air bags, alloy wheels, 4x4, red, 49900 miles, £5495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

STREAM, 7 seater SE sport, eu51sdo, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, air conditioning, climate control, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, radio, anti-theft system, central locking, folding rear seats, rear headrests, front fog lamps, yes this one comes with the desirable 7 seater option, green, 79000 miles, £3699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

HYUNDAI

ACCENT, Gsi 5dr, gk52ymp, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, stereo, aluminium silver, 60000 miles, £2699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

COUPE, 2006, silver, 25000 miles, £7995, WJ King Vauxhall, Farningham, 01322 862366 (TRADE)

GETZ, Gsi SE 3dr, en06 fdk, power steering, abs, cd player, radio, twin air bags, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, cloth upholstery, central locking, red, 26800 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

MATRIX, Gsi, dy08ytr, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, abs, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, cd player, alloy wheels, true blue, 1600 miles, £6995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

CORSA, Design 12w Tiwinport 5dr, 6866079r, air conditioning, power steering, twin air bags, cd player, radio, abs, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, silver, 46100 miles, £4295, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CORSA, Design 12w Tiwinport 3dr, ap55 hdl, air conditioning, cd player, radio, abs, power steering, twin air bags, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, silver, 32500 miles, £4995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CORSA, Design 16v 5dr Auto, w277 wnm, power steering, electric front windows, electric mirrors, central locking, cloth upholstery, rear wash/wipe, height adjustable seat, sunroof, radio cassette, air bag, silver, 29300 miles, £2495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

MG

MGF, Sports, 1045461, remote central locking, full leather, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, cd player, radio, 15" alloys, tahiti blue, 43000 miles, £2495, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

TF, Sprint RT Sport Sports, remote central locking, alcantara leather, half leather, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, air conditioning, cd player, stereo, central locking, immobiliser, folding rear seats, grey, 83000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

ZR, 105 3dr, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, air conditioning, cd player, stereo, central locking, immobiliser, folding rear seats, grey, 83000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

SAN

SANTA FE, 2.7 V6 Station Wagon 5d 2656cc auto, abs braking system, alloy wheels, air conditioning, electric sunroof / windows & mirrors, leather interior, foglights, power steering, remote locking, height adjustable driver's seat, 4 x 4, radio / cd, folding rear seats, gold metallic, 33000 miles, £4995, E-SUREED Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

SKODA

FABIA, 1.2 Classic 5dr, 2004, 1.2 classic 5dr hatch, black, 37222 miles, £3695, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

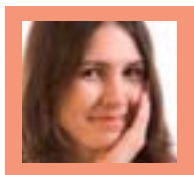
OCTAVIA, 1.6 FSI Classic Hatchback 5d 1598cc, driver seat height adjustment, power-assisted steering, rev counter, radio/cd speakers, electric/heated door mirrors, body coloured bumpers, air conditioning, front electric windows, two seats seat isofix anchorage point, safety anti-lock brakes, centre rear seat belt, key central door locking, immobiliser, 15m helios design alloys, full size steel spare wheel, corrida red, 27224 miles, £6240, Sherlodge Garage, Gillingham, 01634 377445 (TRADE)

S70, 2.4 SE Turbo Saloon 4dr, r/1998, pas heated front seats a/con radio/cassette electric windows alloy wheels remote c/locking, red, 93, 000 miles, £1495, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

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I'm 51, fed up with playing solitaire on the computer! Sincere and loving, enjoy many interests, looking for friendship, hopefully leading to more. Box 881711

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Hi I'm a 57yr old woman, likes cinema, theatre, walking, reading, looking for a genuine, honest man who will make me laugh. Maidstone Box 450098

HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO

Londoner new to the area, 57, 5'15", slim attractive blonde, seeking a man for serious relationship and lasting happiness. Box 449587

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Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

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Fun-to-be with, happy, contented lady (60), 5'8", I enjoy theatre, dining out and having friends round for a meal, gardening and pets. Box 882812

SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH...

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Women seeking men

IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS

I'm a 26yr old female, looking for new friends and maybe that special girl...let's have a meal, a drink and see what happens! Box 448722

FRRIENDSHIP, HOPEFULLY MORE

Feminine woman, easysgoing, caring, 45, long brown hair, blue eyes. I love music, eating out, reading/writing, drives, weekends away. WLTm boyish female. Box 448248

Men seeking women



MEN seeking women

TENDER LOVE

Hi my name is John, 33, 6ft, very passionate and fun loving, I'm looking for a loyal, caring lady for LTR. Box 449695

FAMILY GUY

Attractive male, laid back and down-to-earth. I'm a father of 2, 5'17, 35, brown eyes, shaved head. I enjoy eating out, swimming, films and family time. Box 448180

A DEVOTED DAD SPEAKS

Slam, loving dad, 37, 6ft, honest, caring, open-minded, looking for someone special to share life, love and laughs with. Deal area. Box 449502

DOWN BY THE BEACH

Hi I'm Kevin, 37, 6'11", medium build, loves cinema, music, walks and the sea, seeking similar girl to find love with. Box 449844

EVERYTHING I DO

Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6'10, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTm a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720

ADAM SEEKS EVE

Hi I'm Adam, 38, 5'17, into fitness, fun and games, looking for someone to go out with and share great times. Box 449888

ROMANCE, COMPANIONSHIP?

Me, 39, 5'16, blond hair, blue eyes, hard working, friendly, loves films and music, sports, football, karate...WLTm nice, slim, attractive lady for meals and more. Box 449167

TO ENJOY LIFE

Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5'18, brown hair and eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, WLTm someone trustworthy and caring to settle down with. Box 448377

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MARSHAL ME

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MAKE IT A LOVELY DAY

Hi I'm Carl, 40, GSOH, 6ft, light green eyes, brown hair, looking for a lady, bubbly woman to share laughs, days out and much more. Box 449696

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Family-oriented guy, 41, separated, looking to find a lady who wants the fun and company of a partner back into their life. Box 884085

SEARCHING FOR LOVE

Genuine single fella, 41, worked hard all my life now need find love, seeking loving lady to have loads of fun and more with. Box 884098

THE FOOD OF LOVE?

Modest male, 42, 6'12 with dark hair, stocky, a chef and loving dad, loves cinema, dining out and cosy nights, seeks someone special and fun-loving. Box 450057

RED OR WHITE?

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OVER TO YOU

Single white male, 44, 5'11, dark hair and eyes, seeking LTR with a single black lady, enjoying walks, nights in, nights out and more. Box 447191

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Builder by trade, I'm a 44yr old guy, like cars, tv, watching football, going out, cosy nights in, cycling, walks. You? Box 448205

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ROMANCE! PASSION!

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SHARE THE GOOD LIFE

Professional male, 45, own home/car, likes cinemas, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 426202

IN YOUR EYES

Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5'8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship/more. Box 421664

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Hard working guy, 47, WLTm a young lady to enjoy and make the most of life, finding love along the way. Box 448305

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Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College,
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Email: samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk
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Licensing Manager, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY

Name of Applicant: Shanta Ltd

Name and Postal Address of the premises: BW – Stade Court Hotel, Stade Street, Hythe, CT21 6DT

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Avoid banana skin of compensation claims

TWO of the most common causes of accidents on premises where the public have access are slips and trips, so firms can save millions in compensation claims by taking a little care and attention.

That's the message to Kent companies from Ray Johnson of Folkestone-based Independent Insurance Services. He said: "A simple slip or trip can lead to a totally disproportionate claim. It's important that businesses minimise risks. This includes not only buildings but car parks, yards and walk ways."

He recommends making sure premises are well lit and in good condition, whether access surfaces get slippery, and to make sure there is nothing to trip over.

He added: "Employees need to be briefed as to the risks and trained to take immediate action if anything is dropped or hazards are left in open areas. Special care needs to be taken when doing work on the premises or employing subcontractors."

"Work must be carefully planned and it is crucial to select a competent contractor and ensure that if you are using your own employees that they have the right skills. And ensure contractors have adequate insurance."

"There was a recent case when a member of the public slipped on a flower petal in front of a railway station stall."

"Damages were eventually awarded at £1.5 million. Slips and trips can be very expensive and most can be avoided with care and attention."

Thousands see the gain

LAST year 6,374 employees across Kent and Medway gained qualifications through Train to Gain, a training programme run by the Learning and Skills Council, according to latest figures.

More than 10,000 have signed up for this year, an increase of more than 30 per cent. The LSC says that despite the credit crunch employers in the county are still seeing the benefits. The LSC works with Kent Partnership, Kent Economic Board and a sub-groups such as the Employment and Skills Board to help identify local learning and skills needs.

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Julie Maddocks asks: is small really beautiful in business? Search 'crunch'

Is more-than-profit your route to Eden?



GOOD ADVICE: Jennifer Bentley, Business Link's customer services manager

WANNABE entrepreneurs are being urged to think about going for what are called social enterprises instead of the usual business model of just go-for-profit.

■ BY TONY PATEY

They obviously do make profits, but they also have social and environmental targets. Think the Eden Project in Cornwall, the Big Issue magazine group and Jamie Oliver's north London restaurant Fifteen.

Business people often talk about the "bottom line", meaning profits, but with social enterprises they talk of the "triple bottom line" – trading in goods or services for social and environmental aims as well.

Some commentators say they are not-for-profit firms, lumping them in with outfits such as straight charities in the third sector or social economy.

But, more accurately, they are "more-than-profit" firms – the more businesslike end of the third sector.

Motivated

So, that's what they are, but are they worth going for? If you can come up with another Eden Project, you bet, but there are many successful ones with lower profiles.

Kent people wanting to check out the idea can go along to a free workshop on social enterprises being run by Business Link, the Government-funded business advice and support service.

It's at 2pm at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel and Country Club, Maidstone, on Monday, April 6.

Jennifer Bentley, customer services manager at Business Link, said: "Many people are motivated to set up an organisation which will benefit the community or an issue which they feel passionately about."

"We offer specific support and workshops to give new social enterprises the best chance of survival. The workshops are suitable for business owners with little previous knowledge or experience of social enterprise to find out whether this is a viable model for their venture."

Apparently, about seven per cent of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the South East are defined as social enterprises.

According to Business Link research, a key barrier for them is a lack of general awareness and understanding of what they are. A survey of 1,200 owners and managers revealed that 77 per cent had either not heard of the term or had no idea what it meant.

Business Link has designed the workshops to help delegates consider the issues identified in the research, such as how to find and attract finance and choose the best legal status. Workshop participants will leave with a list of next steps.

Social enterprises can be set up as one of a number of legal entities, for example, as a community interest company (CIC), industrial and provident society (IPS), or companies limited by guarantee and shares.

To book a place on the workshop and for more information about start-up support available, call Business Link on 0845 600 9 006, or visit the website www.startupanswers.co.uk.

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LAST GASP: Dover won the game in injury time

RUGBY

Sharks bite back to win with late show

Old Colfeians 18 Dover 22

DOVER Sharks remain fifth in London 2 South after a less than convincing win against mid-table Old Colfeians.

The visitors were on the score sheet after eight minutes when Lee Tonks finished off a good move. Blair Charge added the extras.

Colf's responded receiving a number of penalties, but the hosts missed two long range attempts before they kicked their second, bringing the deficit to one point.

The home side then took advantage of Dover failing to clear their lines with a try and conversion. Dover weathered the storm and Charge slotted a penalty to narrow the gap.

The second half started well with Sharks' skipper Martyn Beaumont looping with Mackintosh to score a well-worked try within a minute of the restart.

However, Dover's discipline was not at its best and Colf's regained the lead on 60 minutes, driving over for a try, but missing the conversion.

The Sharks claimed victory just inside injury time, when ball was fed to Sedgwick who powered his way over the line, with Charge kicking the conversion.

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Kent coach Simon Willis reveals club's interest in Aussie seamer Stuart Clark



CENTRE STAGE: Alan Pouton showed his importance to the Whites cause with a man-of-the-match display against their closest rival Staines Town in the goalless draw at Crabble

Hess salutes rivals as draw moves Dover closer to title

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD & GLENN PEARSON

Dover Athletic 0

Staines Town 0



Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Bodkin (Pouton 85), Grazioli (Collin 81), Hughes (Browning 67)

WHITES boss Andy Hessenthaler praised Staines Town for never giving up in their pursuit of Dover after the two sides played out a draw at Crabble.

With Dover ensuring they didn't hand an advantage to their nearest rivals, it was clearly Hessenthaler who was the happier of the two managers as his side maintained their 15-point lead at the top.

In what was a tense game, neither side created many clear-cut chances, but midfielder Alan Pouton showed his importance to Dover with a man-of-the-match performance in the centre of the park.

Hess felt his side had the better of the encounter and is now counting down to the final games of the season.

He said: "It was always going to be a tough game. I think if I had been offered a draw I would have taken it, but over the 90 minutes I thought we were the better side.

"We never really looked like losing and I

cannot fault the effort from my players. It was good to see Matt Fish and Jon Wallis back and playing after the injuries they have had.

"The way I see it, it is another game ticked off and it keeps our unbeaten run going."

The former Gillingham player-boss was typically honest in his appraisal of the opposition, whom he feels can still push Dover for the Ryman Premier title.

He said: "I don't think the draw ends Staines's title bid. If they win their games in hand they can put pressure on us. We have got

a really tough run-in compared with them. It is going to be a tall order, but Staines keep on winning games, which shows they are a good side.

"You have to give them some credit. They have been playing two games a week for a long time and they have done well to keep chasing us.

"I think we need 13 points to win the title mathematically and I think three wins out of the next seven games should do it.

"I would be disappointed if 97 points was not good enough to win the title. This league is like that, though, it's very tough to cross the line."



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Folkestone squad team up with Johnno and his boys

RUGBY

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

IT is sometimes said you should never meet your heroes for fear of being disappointed, but try telling that to Folkestone's players who spent the day training with the England team.

A squad of 20 were given a glimpse behind the scenes on Wednesday last week as Martin Johnson's side prepared for Sunday afternoon's Six Nations win over France at Twickenham.

The club, who normally play in London 4 South East, seven divisions below the top flight, won the opportunity in a prize draw after registering with www.maximumrugby.com.

They spent the day at England's plush training camp at Pennyhill Park in Surrey and spent 90 minutes training alongside stars such as Phil Vickery and Andrew Sheridan.

Folkestone coach Lee Jeffery was hugely impressed with the set-up and was pleasantly surprised by the attitude of everyone at the England camp.

He said: "It was so good for a club of our level just to get the exposure to that standard of rugby and a lot of the guys' heroes were there, so it was fantastic.

"There was no animosity, no 'we've got a big game on Sunday, so just go and stand in the corner and try not to get in the way'.

"Once we started training, it was like they were all part of the same club, with plenty of banter between all of the players."



HEADS DOWN: England's Julian White explains scrummaging technique to Folkestone forwards Will Massey and Dave Easby

Defeats against Wales and Ireland had left England in the bottom half of the Six Nations table before this weekend's fixtures, but despite the pressure on new coach Johnson, the former World Cup-winning captain left a lasting impression on the players, according to Jeffery's assistant Phil Cooper.

He said: "Martin Johnson walked in the

room and all of a sudden there was a hush, the stature of the man. He was incredible, despite obviously being under some stress, but he couldn't do enough for us."

• On Saturday, Folkestone were beaten by league leaders Tonbridge Juddian 31-5, a team who had beaten them by more than 100 points earlier in the season.

FOOTBALL



Picture: IOR KUPKO

FOCUSED: Boss Cugley felt his side deserved the win

Cugley's youngsters return to form with fine win on the road

Merstham 0 Folkestone Invicta 2

FOLKESTONE Invicta's Jekyll and Hyde season continued as they bounced back from a poor midweek defeat at Chipstead to end Merstham's long unbeaten home record.

Second half strikes from Josh Vincent and Jimmy Dryden handed Invicta only their second victory in nine games. It was the first time play-off chasing Merstham had lost at Moatside since early December.

Seasiders boss Neil Cugley is aware his young side have the tendency to be inconsistent but was delighted with the response after losing at home to Cray Wanderers last weekend and Chipstead.

He said: "It was a really pleasing performance. We were terrible at Chipstead on Tuesday, probably the worst performance of the season, and we follow it up with one of our best. It was good because when you go a few games without a win it can start to become a long season, but I thought we thoroughly deserved the win."

Merstham were unable to take advantage of playing with the strong wind giving Folkestone goalkeeper Jack Delo little to do before the break.

The visitors took control in the second half and Gillingham youngster Jacob Arnold-Smith flicked on for Josh Vincent to open the scoring. It was the promising 18-year-old's first senior goal for the club.

Within ten minutes the Seasiders had doubled their lead, with skipper Dryden notching his 21st goal of the season.

The club's record scorer is playing with a foot injury, but with such a thin squad he will play through the pain for the next six weeks.

Cugley said: "To be fair to Jimmy he hasn't missed a minute. He won't train until the end of the season. Liam Friend is in the same situation. It's not a huge problem, at this stage of the season they are match fit so it's a case of getting them through the games."

Folkestone are at home to Eastbourne Town on Saturday.

LEAGUE TABLES RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Dover Athletic	35	28	4	3	+45	88
2 Staines Town	33	22	7	4	+34	73
3 Tonbridge Angels	33	17	8	8	+8	59
4 Sutton United	33	15	9	9	+2	54
5 Carshalton Athletic	33	14	9	10	+2	51
6 Dartford	33	14	7	12	+6	49
7 AFC Hornchurch	32	14	6	12	+2	48
8 Canvey Island	34	13	7	14	+4	46
9 Horsham	31	14	4	13	-2	46
10 Wealdstone	33	13	6	14	-9	45
11 Maidstone United	33	12	9	12	-1	45
12 Billericay Town	32	12	7	13	-12	43
13 Tooting & Mitcham	34	12	6	16	-8	42
14 Boreham Wood	35	11	8	16	+8	41
15 Ashford Town (Mx)	30	13	1	16	-5	40
16 Harrow Borough	31	10	9	12	-16	39
17 Harlow Town	32	11	4	17	-8	37
18 Hastings United	33	11	4	18	-12	37
19 Hendon	32	10	5	17	-1	35
20 Ramsgate	35	8	11	16	-17	35
21 Margate	34	9	6	19	-17	33
22 Heybridge Swifts	33	6	9	18	-21	27

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Cray Wanderers	34	20	6	8	+28	66
2 Kingstonian	31	18	6	7	+32	60
3 Worthing	34	16	12	6	+23	60
4 Metropolitan Police	34	16	12	6	+19	60
5 Fleet Town	33	15	13	5	+29	58
6 Sittingbourne	32	16	8	8	+8	56
7 Ashford Town	34	14	12	8	+16	54
8 Merstham	33	15	9	9	+10	54
9 Eastbourne Town	34	15	6	13	+6	51
10 Godalming Town	34	14	8	12	+12	50
11 Dulwich Hamlet (3)	33	13	11	9	+11	47
12 Folkestone Invicta	35	12	10	13	0	46
13 Croydon Athletic	35	11	12	12	+4	45
14 Walton & Hersham	34	12	8	14	-5	44
15 Leatherhead	34	12	6	16	-16	42
16 Whitstable Town	35	11	5	19	-22	38
17 Walton Casuals	34	10	6	18	-11	36
18 Whyteleafe	35	9	9	17	-13	36
19 Chipstead	33	8	10	15	-29	34
20 Corinthian-Casuals	34	8	9	17	-24	33
21 Burgess Hill Town	34	7	10	17	-21	31
22 Crowborough Athletic	33	3	4	26	-57	13

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Hythe Town	25	17	3	5	29	54
2 Holmesdale	25	15	5	5	24	50
3 VCD Athletic	22	14	2	6	27	44
4 Erith Town	25	11	9	5	22	44
5 Greenwich Borough	24	14	3	7	12	44
6 Herne Bay	24	14	1	9	6	43
7 Faversham Town	24	13	2	9	30	41
8 Erith & Belvedere	24	12	4	8	13	39
9 Tunbridge Wells	24	12	4	8	7	40
10 Croydon	23	11	3	9	17	36
11 Norton Sports	23	10	2	11	-7	32
12 Deal Town	23	8	7	8	-11	31
13 Sevenoaks Town	25	9	4	12	-6	31
14 Beckenham Town	25	7	2	16	-20	23
15 Slade Green	24	6	4	14	-11	22
16 Lordswood	24	4	3	17	-27	15
17 Sporting Bengal	28	0	0	28	-127	0

FIXTURES

(Saturday): Ryman Premier League: Billericay Town v Dover Athletic; Ryman Division One South: Folkestone Invicta v Eastbourne Town; Kent League Premier Division: Slade Green v Deal Town

Injury woes threatening to derail Town's title ambition

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 1 Erith Town 1

HYPHE'S title charge is showing signs of strain after their injury list lengthened during Saturday's draw with Erith Town.

Winger Ben Sly will be out for at least two weeks after damaging a hamstring in the first minute, while centre-back Sam Marsh may miss the rest of the season with a back problem. With Gavin Ransley still out it leaves Hythe with a dilemma defensively in the final six weeks of the season.

Town boss Paul Fisk said: "We're finding things tough at the moment, the squad's literally down to the bare bones."

Following last Tuesday's 3-2 defeat at Sevenoaks, Hythe needed a result on Saturday to stay in charge at the top.

Erith Town, who began the day third, opened the scoring midway through the first half thanks to the league's leading marksman Marcus Cassius. The lead did not last long and Lee Winfield equalised eight minutes before the break.

Despite dropping points for the second successive game, the draw extended Hythe's lead to four points by virtue of second-placed Holmesdale losing to VCD Athletic. With games in hand, Fisk is wary of a charge from the Vickers. He said: "I think VCD are the big threat at the moment."

Hythe played Erith last night in the League Cup semi-final first leg. Log on to www.yoursheway.co.uk for the report.

Town visit Erith & Belvedere on Saturday.



Picture: IOR KUPKO

SURE-FOOTED: Lee Winfield equalised for Hythe Town after they had gone behind to fourth-placed Erith

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